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SUBJ: GOI CENSORSHIP GUIDELINES FOR FOREIGN PRESS

REF: NEW DELHI 9909, 9752, 9780

1. THE GOI HAS MADE STILL ANOTHER CHANGE IN ITS HANDLING OF THE CENSORSHIP GUIDELINES AGREEMENT WHICH APPEARS TO GIVE FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS A SLIGHT LEEWAY IN THAT IT DOES NOT EXPLICITLY OBLIGE THEM TO SAY THEY WILL FOLLOW THE REGULATIONS.

2. OLD PLEDGE STATES, QUOTE I UNDERTAKE TO COMPLY WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA'S CENSORSHIP GUIDELINES
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FOR THE PRESS AND INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED THEREUNDER BY

THE RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES. END QUOTE.

3. NEW AGREEMENT READS, QUOTE I HAVE RECEIVED THE CENSORSHIP GUIDELINES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA. I AGREE TO UNDERTAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR MY REPORTS IN REGARD TO THESE GUIDELINES AND OTHER INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED THEREUNDER BY THE RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES WHICH ARE COMMUNICATED TO ME IN WRITING. END QUOTE.

4. WORDING IS ACTUALLY A PROPOSAL PUSHED IN DAY-LONG MEETING TUESDAY AT INFORMATION MINISTRY BY BILL BORDERS OF YTIMES AND DAVE GREENWAY, WASHINGTON POST WHO MET WITH GROUP OF FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS AND GOI OFFICIALS (SEE NEW DELHI 9752).

5. HOWEVER, BORDERS ON BRINK OF DEPORTATION FOR REFUSAL TO AGREE TO OLD PLEDGE, SAYS NEW ONE, EVEN THOUGH PARTLY HIS OWN CONCEPT, IS EQUALLY UNACCEPTABLE.

6. BORDERS NOW CONSULTING NEW YORK ON NEW AGREEMENT WHICH HE CONSIDERS "A DISHONORABLE MISREPRESENTATION OF INTENTIONS."

7. VIC VANZI, UPI BUREAU CHIEF HAS ALSO SENT NEW WORDING TO NEW YORK AND HAS ADVISED SIGNING ON THE BASIS OF GAINING AT LEAST SOME TIME FOR MANEUVERING BEFORE HE IS EXPELLED.

8. THOUGH EMBASSY HAS NOT REANTED AP, THEY ARE SAID TO SHARE SAME ATTITUDE.

9. RON MOREAU, NEWSWEEK, TELLS US GOI NOW LOOKING FOR HIM (REF NEW DELHI 9780 PARA 3). THEY ARE AWARE HE IS IN NEW DELHI AS A RESULT OF A CONVERSATION BETWEEN NEWSWEEK HONG KONG CHINA WATCHER SIDNEY LIU AND GOI HICOM THERE.

10. MOREAU HAS OBTAINED COPY OF NEW PLEDGE AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WILL CONSULT FOREIGN NEWS EDITOR THIS EVENING IN TELCON. HE ANTICIPATES INSTRUCTION TO REFUSE TO SIGN WHEN ASKED AND SAYS LOCAL STAFFER R. RAMANUJAM WILL TAKE SAME ACTION ON HIS OWN VOLITION.

11. SEPTTEL COVERS SITUATION WITH VOA BUREAU CHIEF NEW DELHI. SAXBE

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